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THE TIMES' Headlines

An institution that shall always be found right, for decency in the public service, regardless of party, can be considered constructive in all its policies and while belonging to no party, opposing with might the demagogues of all right-wing progress and practical reform, opposed to capital privilege and the money power, influencing law-making and tax-enforcing powers, whether by Capital or Labor, devoted to the public welfare, every resource constantly strained to prevent the various associations and interests it represents, willing to sacrifice instantly an injustice done the most honored, yet too proud to apologize to the most high for policy sake.

SENATOR SHERMAN'S ADDRESS

The address of Senator Sherman, of Illinois, before the Rotary Club, Topeka, was one of the most interesting features of the regular session. It did not know the identity of every bank engaged in usury practice long before the money-takers made his sensational statement, then it stands convicted of inefficiency. It is charged with the duty of inspecting the various banks and had the means of knowing whether or not the laws of the state were being observed.

It would be difficult to point to a briefer more comprehensive dissertation on the basic principles of our government and the unquestioned motives of its founders than that presented by the speaker. His defense of existing society seems like an explanation of the difference between the League and the League of Representatives, were both modeled and constructed. While his condemnation of the League and the undue extension of executive influence struck a jester's chord that at once became demonstrative.

Senator Sherman did not come to Oklahoma primarily to advance his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, but it is certain that he has disengaged by his speech and visit.

HOWE ON PRESIDENTIAL COURTING

Ed Howe's writings are chiefly notable because of their crudeness. When Ed wants to say anything he selects the most expressive words at hand, strings them together, says to himself his thoughts, and lets it go at that. This is the—the Son in Law McAdoo.

How tired I am of the Wilson do-nothing at ready! And it has only commenced. I shall see a reference to it in every newspaper for weeks and probably for months. Is almost every family you may hear protests because the President "took notice" too soon. But the newspapers claim the affair down our throats as though we loved and approved it. There is a woman of no distinction except that she chose a President, and caught him. And the people are compelled to bear about her to the column and page; we even read of her youthful indiscretions, although she confesses to thirty-eight. The people had been thinking of the President as buried in the White House library, mourning for his lost mate, and reading good books to enable him to meet the grave emergencies of the war, but suddenly they are confronted with the fact that instead of doing these things, he has been skipping past the newspaper boys in the evening, and spending his time agreeably in finding a widow's home. How long who makes up the people are imposed upon!

There is no question but that fairly interprets the composite American mind.

A COMPROMISE AT HEALDTON

In compromising the issue at Healdton Commissioner Henshaw probably did the best thing possible under the law. The large oil companies may go ahead erecting steel tanks and filling it with oil. The smaller operators are to have exclusive use of the pipe lines. This is the arrangement decided on, according to the Daily Ardmoreite.

It is doubtful if such an arrangement can be justified in law, but so long as it is agreed to by the operators, that need not matter. The point is that a literal enforcement of the law would have worked a grievous injury to every operator on the Healdton oil field.

The Times, however, can not refrain from calling attention to the desirability for natural gas to control a situation such as exists in that field until the conservation law was invoked the producers were buying large quantities of tank material, and employing hundreds of men to treat this material. There was activity in every line all of it a constructive nature.

Then the commission was appealed to, and work all over the field stopped instantly. Wages and salaries stopped, too, of course. The conservation law is a fearfully constructed thing. It is, perhaps, the most destructive measure ever enacted. It's literal enforcement at Healdton would reduce activity there to the minimum, and would make additional investments for developing the field impossible.

But—if there were no conservation law, if

only natural laws were in force, then the savings that characterized cushing last summer and spring could be transferred to Healdton. Labor would be employed; large sums of money would go into other allied industries; the drills would be kept and unparalleled prosperity would reign. These sums of men would share in the prosperity, as against mere dozens under a literal enforcement of the conservation law.

Mr. Commissioner Henshaw probably did the best he could in ordering the big companies to disconnect from the pipe lines that the smaller oil wells might have all of the market facilities. But it is a queer sort of doctrine.

AN ABSURD PROPOSAL

The suggestion that a special session of the legislature be convened to take action on the statement by the comptroller of the treasury that there are 257 banks in Oklahoma charging usurious rates of interest is absurd beyond degree.

The state banking commission of Oklahoma has the power of life and death over the state banks. It did not know the identity of every bank engaged in usury practice long before the money-takers made his sensational statement, then it stands convicted of inefficiency. It is charged with the duty of inspecting the various banks and had the means of knowing whether or not the laws of the state were being observed.

It would be sufficient power to force all banks to adhere to the law with respect to interest rates and other obligations imposed by banks. Why does it not do so? The controller of the national currency is forcing the national banks to conform their interest charges to legal rates, and it can do that with respect to national banks, what is to hinder the state banking board from doing the same service with respect to state banks?

No law is automatic; it must be enforced. For the Oklahoma politicians to seek to make capital of the meager bankers is far from it—a plea of guilt.

But why all of this fuss about who shall have charge of the stopgap fund? The money belongs to the state, does it not? And it is to be handled by the State Board of Agriculture? And it can be properly used only for such purposes as the State Board designates? And since the State Board is responsible why not let it have it? It can't be used to fill up deficit holes, can it?

In accepting the palatial residence offered him for a summer home President Wilson told the committee that he would not be able to use it much. "My feet are tied here in Washington," he said. But why not take her with you, Mr. President?

The precise moment to smile is when the New York World begins raving about its independence. The esteemed World is just about as independent as Son in Law McAdoo.

With pesky plentiful persimmons ripe and abundant, and fox grapes available in great quantities, the price of other necessities of life don't really matter.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

They tell this story on Jasper Ellington, a well-known and prominent banker. They say Mr. Ellington, who gave \$2,000 to his wife's church five years ago, has never since been sober enough to realize his benevolence.

There is a queer in nearly every family and, as a general thing, it is about money.

Some women have children and others only theories as to how children should be reared.

When a man feels he is through with women he should stay away from them. If he exposes himself he is pretty sure to be infected a second time.

Locating the woman is the basis of all successful business work.

Nearly every girl is left-handed for a while after her engagement is announced.

Those who insist on sitting in the reserved seats always have to pay a little more than the accommodation is worth.

When people desire to praise a stepmother they say: She treats her children as well as if they were her own.

The man who invented citrus lemonade is dead. But most of those who drink it were saved by the doctors.

There still are a number of sterling citizens who believe the proper place to wear evening clothes is in a photograph.

A boy often gets the worst of it. In a good many instances he affords his father the only opportunity the latter ever has to show his authority.

TIMES' SPILLWAY

People easier afford to have chills in Wynnewood any more, according to the New Era, which announces that mumps has risen to \$250 per ounce wholesale.

Frank Steel, a farmer near Wetumka, found his child sitting on the floor and attempting to punch holes in four silver dollars for the purpose of making wheels for a little wagon. Wetumka Gazette thinks the occur-

rence the best sign of prosperity yet.

The colt landed on Mr. Morgan with both feet, several angry bruises were sustained.—Hinton Record.

Oil natural to get a little sore under the circumstances.

According to the Sayre Headlight, Mr. Hinton's fam-

ily has moved to the Dallas flats, where they will engage in cotton picking for awhile. Cotton picking in a flat sounds like a new joke.

The alarm was sounded and a large crowd gathered when the telephone pole caught on fire.—Stillwater Ad-

vance-Democrat.

THE LOC OF A MACHINER SHIP

BY JULIA ROGERS

It began in The Times on September 25. Back of the paper, as long as they last, can be seen the following:

It was 2 o'clock this morning when Julia Rogers and I reached Harrisburg.

We went directly to a hotel and I advised that I go to bed immediately.

I selected a room, but she would not let me make a more comfortable breakfast.

We had breakfast served in our room and then after we had dressed I suggested a plan for me to fol-

To begin with," she said, "you do not know that your husband is gone?"

All I know is that he left Pittsburgh, and that some one in his office told you he had gone to Harrisburg on a matter of personal busi-

siness.

Julia said, "I know that your husband is gone?"

"Yes, I know he is gone," said Julia.

"There is no use in our staying here in the hotel all afternoon, and as this is my husband, we will take a mid-

day walk.

Before the performance was half over, Julia had me in a much pleasanter state of mind, and by the time we had returned to the hotel I was almost ready to believe myself for having doubled brevity.

I entered the office after we had reached our rooms and asked Mr. Rogers if he had any news and learned that he was not in town. We dressed and went directly to dinner and before I had finished I had almost decided to return to New York without attempting to see him again.

Julia said, "I know he is gone."

"Yes, I know he is gone," said Julia.

"There is no chance of his having

seen you in town. I have been here for a week now."

"He is not here," said Julia.

"He is not here," said